

IN THE CLAIMS: See Listing of Claims. This listing will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

REMARKS

The applicants acknowledge the Examiner's comprehensive Office Action with appreciation. Claims 16-30 remain under consideration. The Office indicates that Claims 17-27 are allowable. The Office raises rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 16 and 28-30 are rejected for indefiniteness under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. It is the position of the Office that the phrase "it being understood that" in Claim 16 does not conform with US patent practice, and the Office suggests deletion of this phrase. With the instant Amendment, Claim 16 has been amended to delete the phrase "it being understood that." Claim 16 has also been amended to correct a typographical error.

It is also the position of the Office that the phrase "including a human" in Claims 28-30 is improper because it represents a subgeneric phrase included within a generic phrase. With the instant Amendment, the phrase "including a human" has been deleted from Claims 28-30, and new Claims 31-33, directed to "a method of treating a human..." and which correspond to the conditions enumerated in Claims 28-30, have been added.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

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Accordingly, entry of present amendment, reconsideration of all grounds of objection and rejection, withdrawal thereof, and passage of this application to issue are all hereby respectfully solicited.

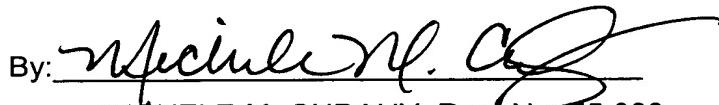
It should be apparent that the undersigned agent has made an earnest effort to place this application into condition for immediate allowance. If she can be of

assistance to the Examiner in the elimination of any possibly-outstanding insignificant impediment to an immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call her at her below-listed number for such purpose.

Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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